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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-272-C)

In the Application of:

Johnson et al.

Serial No.: 10/025,076

Filing Date: December 18, 2001

For: SHAFT LOCKING DEVICE FOR
BEARING ASSEMBLIES

Examiner: L. Footlamb

Group Art Unit: 3682

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 12-05-02

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed December 5, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 37 as follows:

37. (Once Amended) The bearing locking collar of claim 34, wherein the protrusion has a wedge shape.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above-identified patent application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a. Response to Office Action dated 12-5-03
 - b. Postcard

2. With respect to additional fees:

No additional fee is required.

3. Please charge any additional fees or credit over-payments to the Deposit Account No.13-2490.
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Dated: February 6, 2003

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